Another Member.—

With regard to answer (*c*), will the Government be pleased to state why there should be a strength of 130 in the establishment of the Sri Krishnarajendra Hospital for 2,800 patients, while for 3,837 patients in the Victoria Hospital there are only 131 hands?

Dewan.—

Accommodation, standard of medical aid and many other things have to be taken into consideration in this connection.

BY MR. S. HONNAPPIAH (Chikmaglur Taluk).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Is it a fact that a coal mine has been found near Kamasamudram (Kolar District)?

(2) Is it a fact that the quality of coal was not good?

(3) From what date the operations were commenced and how long were they continued if it is since abandoned?

(4) (*a*) Was the coal examined by any experts, and if so, who are they?

(*b*) Where was the examination conducted and with what result?

(5) What was the amount of outlay incurred thereon and realisations, if any, therefrom up-to-date?

(6) What are the reports of the experts?

(7) Were the experts paid any bonus or were their services employed for any stipulated period?

(8) From what source this expenditure was met and whether this Assembly or the Legislative Council were consulted; if so, when?

(9) Will the entire correspondence between the experts and the Government be placed on the table for the information of this Assembly?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—20. (1) to (9) The member is referred to the replies given in the Legislative Council to similar interpellations on the subject which are printed as Appendix IV-A.

Supplementary Questions.

INTERPELLATIONS NOS. 20 AND 49.

Mr. Somasekhara Rao.—

No reply is given to section 8 of the interpellation. Will the Government be pleased to furnish the information now?

First Member of Council.—

A sum of Rs. 10,000 was provided under the Industries and Commerce Department for industrial experiments and the amount was met from this source.

Mr. Somasekhara Rao.—

Is it not generally the practice that prospecting work should be undertaken by the Geological Department?

First Member of Council.—

This is not prospecting work. This is an experimental work. Even prospecting work is not undertaken by the Geological Department as it does not come under the purview of the Department.

Mr. Somasekhara Rao.—

Does the sum of Rs. 12,600 include the cost of the well-boring drill utilised for boring operations at Kamasamudram?

Dewan.—

It is not a well-boring drill. It is a Calyx drill purchased by Government for experimental purposes in the industrial and agricultural departments. The cost of this drill is not included in the expenditure shown, but debited to the two departments mentioned above.

Mr. Somasekhara Rao.—

Did Mr. Schomburg work for nothing in the Mysore State, or did he get any remuneration?

Dewan.—

No remuneration was given to him, but he worked on the prospect of getting recompense later on.

Mr. Somasekhara Rao.—

Was he given a license for prospecting chrome with some special concessions near Kadakola?

First Member of Council.—

No special concessions were given to him.

Mr. Somasekhara Rao.—

Who undertook the shafting work and what was the expenditure on that portion of the work?

Dewan.—

The Oorgaum Gold Mining Company undertook the work and an expenditure of nearly Rs. 8,000 has been incurred. Final accounts are not yet sanctioned.

Mr. Byanna.—

Does the agreement with Mr. Schomburg provide for any remuneration to him if the enterprise proved a success?

Dewan.—

Yes. The answer is given in the appendix.

Mr. Byanna.—

Was the Assembly consulted in this affair?

First Member of Council.—

It is not possible to bring every contract which the Government might enter into with private parties to the notice of this House.

Mr. Narasinga Rao.—

Why not the investigation be undertaken and carried on by the State Geological Department?

Dewan.—

That question does not arise.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

May I know if the report of the expert of the Government of India has been received?

Dewan.—

Yes. Only yesterday.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Is it favourable?

Dewan.—

I am not prepared to answer the question.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

With what credentials did Mr. Schomburg come to Mysore?

Dewan.—

Government were satisfied that he had credentials. They are not prepared to discuss his qualifications.

Mr. Ananthaiya.—

If Mr. Schomburg was considered to be an expert, what was the need for obtaining the services of a special officer from the Government of India?

Dewan.—

To test the data obtained by Mr. Schomburg.

Mr. Ananthaiya.—

Were not men competent to deal with these data available in the State?

First Member of Council.—

None who had experience of Coal.

Mr. Ananthaiya.—

Who was the expert that was deputed by the Government for this work and to what place does he belong?

First Member of Council.—

His name is Mr. Vinayak Rao. He is an officer of the Government of India, Geological Survey Department.

By. Mr. S. Honnappiah. (Chikmagalur Taluk).—

Q.—21. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The number of bridges damaged by the floods of 1923 and 1924 with their situation, names and the estimated loss in the case of each (districtwar).